

**All
the
Men
of
the
Lutheran
Church
for
the
Whole
Task
of
the
Church**

**MARCH
1945**

**Volume XXV
Number Three**

Lutheran ... Men

Published monthly at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, by
The Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America



DREAMS COME TRUE

Through the long years of his service they have dreamed of the day when once again they could go arm-in-arm to the old church. There they went to Sunday school together, there they attended Luther League together and there they were married. It is "Mother Church" to them and a million more like them. Too bad that for so many, it took a war to teach the worth of the home church. Let's not miss a service in the home church this Lent!

GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

Gettysburg, Pa.

MARCH 1945

LUTHERAN MEN MARCH

Volume XXV

Issue No. 3

Amos John Traver, Editor
954 Woodlawn Ave., Springfield, Ohio

Earle W. Bader, Executive Secretary
62 E. Garrison St., Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Published monthly at Bethlehem,
Pennsylvania by the Brotherhood of the
United Lutheran Church in America

Entered as second class matter April 30,
1923, at the Post Office at Bethlehem, Pa.,
under the Act of March 3, 1879. Accep-
tance for mailing at special rate of postage
provided for in Section 1103, Act of October
3, 1917, authorized April 30, 1923.

Printed in the United States

Subscription \$1.25 per year.



FEATURES

Editor's Personal Paragraphs	page 3
Guest Contributors	page 7
The Responsibility of the Church by Mr. W. C. Koehler	
I Ask You	page 9
Letterally Yours	page 10
The Executive Secretary's Monthly Message....	page 13
An Open Forum	page 16
By Dr. Earl S. Rudisill	
67%	page 17
By Mr. Thomas P. Hickman	
Lutheran Boy Scouts	page 18
Organization Procedure by Mr. H. D. Foster	
Helping Youth to be Christian	page 19
By Rev. Robert D. Hershøy, S.T.D.	
The Brotherhood of Youth	page 21
By Mr. Francis K. Ford	

One by-product

of the war is the new emphasis on adult education. Not only returning personnel from the armed forces are included in the program but civilian adults as well. For instance, City College in N. Y. City offers courses in the 55 branches of the N. Y. Public Library. These include both credit and non-credit courses. Will the churches take advantage of this tide? Dr. Earl Rudisill will be glad to help any pastor plan his program. We need more texts in this field, but there are enough available with which to begin.

At the recent board meeting among the many excellent anecdotes told at the dinner table, President Shepfer related one concerning congregations that suffer because of aged pastors. "A good old pastor, who had long since passed his days of usefulness, protested to his complaining church council that he wanted to die in the harness. An old Pennsylvania German on the council replied in his broken English. "Vell, if you must die in de harness, den ve vill have to die in de vagon." — Pittsburgh Synod Notes.

Christian Herald

announces the formation of a Motion Picture Council of Protestant Women. The wife of the editor-in-chief, Dan Poling, is general chairman, while Mrs. Jesse M. Bader is editorial chairman. Wives of twenty-five Protestant leaders are on the council. Every movement that will help to raise the standards of our movies should be encouraged. The council could also do a real service by adding radio to its study. Add the radio to the movies and you have a channel of influence reaching to an astounding number of people. More power to the Motion Picture Council of Protestant Women.

Our Prayer for Peace

O Lord, since first the blood of Abel cried to Thee from the ground that drank it, this earth of Thine has been defiled with the blood of man shed by his brother's hand, and the centuries sob with the ceaseless horror of war.

Break Thou the spell of the enchantment that makes the nations drunk with the lust of battle and draws them on as willing tools of death. Purge them of the covetousness which has driven them to slaughter. Strengthen our sense of justice and regard for the equal worth of other peoples and races; and grant us a new and stern enthusiasm for the cause of peace.

Bless our soldiers and sailors for their swift obedience and their willingness to answer the call of duty, but inspire them none the less with a hatred of war. May our young men still rejoice to die for their country with the valor of their fathers, but teach our age nobler methods of matching our strength and more effective ways of giving our life for the flag.

O Thou strong Father of all nations, draw all thy great family together with an increasing sense of our common blood and destiny, that peace may come on earth at last, and Thy sun may shed its light rejoicing on a holy brotherhood of peoples.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

"Sheerly objective,

historical, underived givenness" are the striking words used by Dr. Herbert H. Farmer to describe the Gospel. They are found in his "The Servant of the Word," a series of lectures on preaching. But they go as far as words can go to impress upon us the reality of the events around which Lent is centered. When we read the passion history we are facing facts. Our faith does not rest on reason or logic. It would tear away its foundations and make faith a vague bit of idealism, if Jesus did not suffer, die and rise again. We follow not "cunningly devised fables." We believe because God revealed Himself in Christ. It is a revelation, a gift of grace, an unmerited, unpaid for blessing.

The Editor's Personal Paragraphs

Twelve million members in thirty-five years is the record of the Boy Scouts of America.

The ULCA

will take pride in the election of Dr. Rees Edgar Tulloss as president of the National Lutheran Council. Dr. Tulloss is president of Wittenberg College and a member of our ULCA executive board. This election was not only a personal tribute by his fellow NLC executive board members, but a recognition that he had been a major factor in the drawing up of the new constitution. This constitution, now effective, is an amazing venture in inter-Lutheran cooperation and fellowship. Its unifying influence in American Lutheranism can not be over-estimated. The part played by Dr. Tulloss in producing this document will be written into the histories of the future as an important long step forward toward American Lutheran unity.

Lady—I want a nice toy for my nephew.

Clerk—What kind have you in mind?

Lady—Oh, something suitable for a boy of nine whose father has lumbago and is unable to kneel on the floor.

Another

finely written, superbly printed packet of literature for Lutheran World Action has come to the pastors. May is just around the corner and it is time now to begin to begin! Dr. Paul Empie can be assured that his own ULCA will not let him down,

"If you always watch the clock you will always remain one of the hands."—Trotty Veck.

The National Study Conference

of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace was held in Cleveland in January. Unusual representation by the ULCA was made possible by our executive board. Ten regular delegates were present and about as many more represented inter-church agencies. Dr. Elson Ruff has given a fine report in *The Lutheran*. For me it was a most stimulating experience. The result is a three-thousand word pronouncement which will be distributed by our Board of Social Missions. With it will come suggestions for study groups to consider. The three sections of the study were:

1. The faith of the churches on the basis of which a study could be made; 2. The current situation to be studied, in this case mainly the Dumbarton Oaks proposals; 3. What the churches should do about it. The most timely decision was to support the D. O. proposals, not as final or as ideal, but as a step in the direction of post-war organization and continued international collaboration. Changes in the proposals were suggested, including the principle that even the big three nations should have no veto power over the discussion of questions relating to them. Human Rights and Freedoms seemed to be relatively unprotected by the proposals so a permanent commission, similar to the economic commission was suggested. Brotherhoods will find the findings of this conference vital for their study. If the churches fail to create public information and opinion based on Christian principles, we can not hope for a lasting peace. For materials for study write The Board of Social Missions, 231 Madison Ave., New York 16, N.Y.

You Three

If your nose is close

To the grindstone rough,

And you hold it down

There long enough,

In time you'll say

There's no such thing

As brooks that babble

And birds that sing.

These three will all

Your world compose:

Just you, the stone,

And your darned old nose.

—Writer Unknown.

"Live one day at a time"

was the advice given by Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell in a sermon on "War-time Worry." Dr. Bonnell is pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, N. Y. City. I like his concluding paragraph as reported in *The New York Times*. It is good old-fashioned advice, and should do Fifth Avenue some good.

"Keep inviolate a period of every day when you read the Bible and seek God's blessing on yourself and others. Do not fix your mind on your troubles; fix it on God and you will achieve inner serenity. As Luther said, 'Be quiet and let God mold you.'"

Edgar Bergen, Major James Stewart and Lou Costello were Boy Scouts.

Twelve university presidents

told President Roosevelt recently their objections to the consideration now of universal post-war training. They gave the following reasons: 1. The proposal has nothing to do with winning this war. 2. Adoption would be a revolution in fundamental American policy. 3. It is related to a total program of national defense and should not be considered by itself. 4. The post-war world needs can not be seen at this time. 5. It would bring in question the hopes of our people for a lasting peace. 6. All collateral educational and social values of such a program are of questionable value and if adopted, it should be based on military values alone. Military needs can not be seen at this time. 7. Federal control of even one year's education of every young man is an extremely dangerous policy. These seem sound reasons for delay. Almost unanimous opposition comes from both educational and church leadership. The frank reason for pressing for action now is the feeling that under war hysteria our people will accept it, while in peace they would not stand for it. I am still not sure whether some plan for a year of special training in citizenship including basic military training will not be good. But I would want to argue that through under peace-time psychology. Last month a correction made in the proof of my editorial on Military Training was missed by the printer and I was made to say "Personally I favor such a training program." It should have read "Personally I favor some training program."

Minnesota Conference

of the Augustana Synod is promoting a "Life and Growth Program." Here are some of the objectives; intensive soul winning in each congregation, every-home visitation, foreign mission challenge including visit of returned missionary to each parish, praying for at least 150 new missionaries, deepening interest in Bible study, family altar, mid-week devotional services, and a spiritual emphasis on all contacts of life. The mechanics include a "Life and Growth Committee" in each congregation, with regional meetings of committee members and the usual organization required for successful promotion. This looks like a church trying to be a church!

The editor intended to call the old soldier "a battle-scarred veteran." The typesetters made it "a battle-scarred veteran." In the next issue the editor tried to get by the typesetter with a correction but this time it came out "a bottle-scarred veteran." The editor left town.

Pastors are needed.

Our seminaries have come about to the end of the supply of ministerial students in any adequate numbers. There will be enough to keep the professors occupied, but pastoral vacancies are increasing alarmingly. The need for chaplains is also acute. Many young men with the ministry in view are going into the armed services. The social pressure for this is very strong. They feel that unless they enlist they set themselves apart from their generation. I admire their type of conscience, but believe they are mistaken. It is at least as important that the spiritual life of America be cultivated as it is to add a handful of soldiers and sailors to our forces. If it were a case of "either—or," the issue would be different. A call to the ministry is the highest call and our government recognized this. If we believe in selective service, the directives on deferment show the mind of government. The ministerial student should hold his head high among men in uniform. Every man has his place.

Mr. — "Darling, what happened? Your eye is bandaged!"

Mrs. — "Don't be funny—this is my new hat."

GI "Tough Stuff" Ticket

This ticket entitles holder to weep on his Chaplain's shoulder for 15 minutes for each gripe punched. (Note: Similar tickets were honored by Chaplains on the Anzio beach-head and other places. Your chaplain will honor your ticket too!)

Name Your Gripe	Punch Here
1. The chow is rotten.	
2. I'm not getting enough mail from home.	
3. I'm being sent to a line company.	
4. Some so and so stole my shirt.	
5. The tactics are all wrong in this war.	
6. Why don't folks at home know a war is on?	
7. My feet hurt! The medic says, "You can still stand, can't you?"	

The above form came from a chaplain who said that it worked. How about a form for us home-front gripers?

The current membership of the Boy Scouts of America is one million, eight hundred thousand boys and men.

A Mission to Christian Teachers

was held last fall under the general direction of International Council of Religious Education. The report of an address by Harry C. Munro caught the editorial eye. He said in substance that the churches face two enemies, the pagan dictators and the pagan citizens. The latter enemy is to be feared most. Our American civilization he said was of the "cut-flower" type. I think here is an observation, if not particularly original, at least pertinent. We want the flowers all right, but are not concerned with the depth of root necessary to grow them. In fact we have flowers to cut today because of the piety of our fathers. We want safety, security, obedient children, thrifty parents, social cohesion, an American life keyed to the principle of unselfish service, but we do not insist that such things grow out of Christian convictions and devotion. The place of the church and church school in the program of America is clear.

"A great man's path is strewn with the things he has learned to do without."—Phillips Brooks.

Departmentalists

Advice to home-buyers!

If you live in this climate and buy your home in August, measure the linear dimensions of your walks. There will be snow to shovel "If Winter Comes." And some seasons "Spring is Mighty Far Behind." The thrifty old settlers who built their houses flush with the street and could walk under roof clear from the front steps to the woodshed, could have sold the idea this January to one back-broken editor.

Patient: "This is my first operation and I'm terribly nervous."

Young Surgeon: "I know just how you feel. It's my first, too."

Brotherhood Bible classes

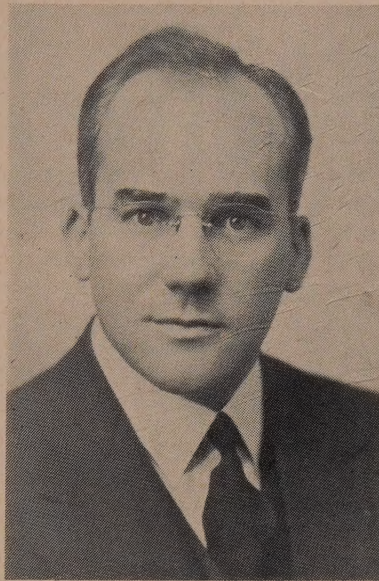
are successful in many parishes. All of the activities of a Brotherhood can be carried on through the one organization. It is suggested that provision be made for attendance at week night meetings by men who are officers or teachers in the Sunday school and so could not attend the class. Dr. G. E. McCarney, a member of our executive committee, teaches his Brotherhood class in St. Mark's, Conshohocken, Pa. The class was organized in 1928 and anyone who knows Dr. McCarney knows every session is "inspiration time." The 13th annual banquet was held on a Saturday evening in January.

"The toastmaster is the man at a dinner whose duty it is to inform you that the best part of the evening is over."—Trotty Veck.

Chaplain Charles A. Sullivan,

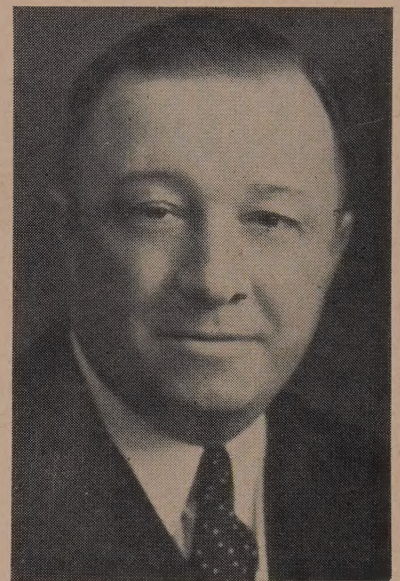
Lieutenant in the Navy, carried with him to the South Pacific some recordings of church bells. By means of a record player and a loud speaker the bells call to worship from the tower of a chapel "Somewhere in the Marshalls." They sound like the home town on a Sunday morning to the men stationed there. Chaplain Sullivan graduated from Gettysburg Seminary in 1935 and was chaplain of the U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, when he enlisted.

It is what we learn after we think we know it all, that counts.—Mutual Mutterings.



Quid Habeas?

Rev. Robert Barkley, our "What-have-you?" columnist, is a busy city pastor yet finds time for his monthly contribution. He is located near Journal Square in Jersey City, pastor of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour. His church has been celebrating its 35th anniversary.



The 'Bible-class Man'

Rev. Earl S. Rudisill, Ph.D., D.D., provides the ammunition for the men's Bible classes in his department. He is on the staff of the Parish and Church School Board with special responsibility for adult education. He is a former president of Thiel College.



Topically Yours

Rev. Robert D. Hershey, S.T.D., has been writing topic materials since October 1944. Our topic editor, Secretary Arthur H. Getz, has been helping with the Christian Growth Course. Dr. Hershey is the popular pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Glenside, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia. Lutheran men like his style!



Topics Plan-master

Rev. Arthur H. Getz is head planner for our topics department. Until extra time was demanded of him by the Parish and Church School Board he not only planned the topics but wrote the materials. His vocation is leadership education but no educational interest of the Church is foreign to him.

Humor

is a life saver, even in time of peace. During war a good laugh does double good. Thorvald Stauning, at the time of his death premier of Denmark, wore a long white beard. The story goes that he was met at the "gates" by St. Peter who took one look at him and then made him wait while he went to consult with the Lord. Said St. Peter, "This fellow has a long white beard and looks so much like me, I am afraid, if we let him in he will want my job." The answer came, "That is nothing, there is a little fellow with a mustache down below who wants my job now."

"Yes, madam, this is the Fidelity Insurance Company. What can we do for you?"

Lady—"Well, I saw my husband talking to some red-haired girl at the bus stop, and I want his fidelity insured."

Dr. Wilhelm Pauck

is professor of historical theology in Chicago Theological Seminary. He is representative of thousands of Germans whose independent thought and unwillingness to compromise with Nazism made them unwelcome in the fatherland. Last fall I attended the Conference of Lutheran College Faculties at Racine, Wisconsin, and was deeply impressed by an address by Dr. Pauck. Dean Inge had not made his charge that Luther was the father of German totalitarianism yet Dr. Pauck anticipated it. The fact is that the "Gloomy Dean" was only echoing charges frequently made against Luther. Large sections of American Protestantism have also misinterpreted Luther to teach that every man has the right to believe as he pleases. Says Dr. Pauck:

"What Luther actually taught was that faith is indeed a very personal decision—but for God as He has disclosed Himself in Jesus Christ and not for what anyone might choose to be his god—and that one who has been given by the Holy Spirit the power of this decision is henceforth related to his fellow men in love and unselfish service."

The charge has always been aimed at Luther that he lacked a sense of social responsibility. His fierce denunciation of the peasant uprising has opened him to the accusation that after laying a foundation for their sense of freedom he denounced them when they sought to exercise it. Dr. Pauck answers;

"When the revolt had broken out . . . and when it proved to be a leaderless, planless, destructive revolution, Luther found himself face to face with a decision between anarchy and tyranny. He recognized both as evil. Yet he regarded anarchy as an evil greater than tyranny, and he called upon the princes ruthlessly to break the rebels. He never justified tyranny as such, and by his words addressed to the princes . . . he again and again condemned it."

*"Paint is the great preservative."
"How true! Women always live longer than men."—Advance.*

Dr. E. E. Ryden,

distinguished editor of *Lutheran Companion*, Augustana Synod weekly, was present at the Pittsburgh meeting of the Federal Council and also at the Cleveland Study Conference. In editorials and in an address before Augustana officers' conference he has raised the question of participation in inter-church conferences and suggested possible membership, either full or consultative. The way of choice seems clear to Lutherans in America. There is the Missouri way of isolation. It seems to us blind to the evangelical forces in American Protestantism with which Lutherans ought to co-operate. Or there is the ULCA way of limited participation in inter-church programs. It will be interesting to see which way the National Lutheran Council tends. Certainly the ULCA would welcome Augustana with which we have so much in common, in consultative membership in the Federal Council.

"They say" usually means you and another gossip.

Secretary Oscar W. Carlson

is much in demand these days. The Board of Social Missions was divinely led in the establishing of this department with full-time leadership. The alert pastor will notice that materials issued are already punched for a loose-leaf notebook cover. But pamphlets like the last "Witness to Win Others" will not save souls in a file. Lutheran men should ask their pastors to see this pamphlet with its outline of procedure for parish evangelism. There are seven steps listed which any congregation can take—and ought to!

You'll never get a black eye for keeping your ears, mouth and nose where they belong.—Trotty Veck.

Coronet

of June 1944 carried an article interesting to churchmen. It was "Sermons that Started Something," by William McDermott. It cited the starting of Armour Institute of Technology through a sermon by Dr. Frank Gunsaulus. A sermon led William Booth to found the Salvation Army, and Dr. Grenfell to go to the Labrador. Jacob Reis was sent into social work by a sermon. And so the record grows. These are only cases where direct results can be traced. Mr. McDermott concludes his article as follows:

"Between 25 and 30 million people in this country are regular church attendants. They listen to at least 15 million sermons every year. The authority of religion and the receptive audience are there. Every conscientious minister as he faces his audience must have this thought—will his sermon click? Yet despite all the competing interests of entertainment and instruction, this immense potentiality of starting something still is there, individual or social, recognized or unrecognized, great or small."

Notice to married men—Never question your wife's judgment; look who she married.—The Watchword.

Rev. Robert J. Wolf,

Uncle Bim to thousands of older Lutheran Leaguers, is now service pastor in the Harrisburg (Pa.) Lutheran Center—and doing a whale of a job at it. He and Mrs. Wolf know and love young people and every service man or woman who comes into that Center finds a bit of home away from home. Bob Junior left Gettysburg College to go into uniform and already wears the purple heart. Here are two good verses from the Service Center Scandal Sheet. The author is unknown but they have hung on the wall of the cathedral in Chester, England, for many a year.

*"Give me a good digestion, Lord,
And also something to digest;
Give me a healthy body, Lord,
And sense to keep it at its best;
Give me a healthy mind, O Lord,
To keep the good and pure in sight,
Which, seeing sin, is not appalled,
But finds a way to set it right.*

*Give me a mind that is not bored,
That does not whimper, whine or sigh;*

*Don't let me worry over much
About the fussy thing called "I";
Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some happiness in life,
And pass it on to other folk."*

Presidential Message . . .

Evangelize

This is the time to emphasize our First Objective, "Win the unsaved to Christ."

One of the ways to do that is to convince men, "That the wages of sin is death; and the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

L. F. Speckman

The Responsibility of the Church to Provide Avenues Of Service for its Members

By Mr. W. C. Koehler

This timely article is the work of a leader among our Pittsburgh Lutheran men. Laymen, call it to the attention of your pastors.—Ed.

Since countless avenues of service already exist in which members of the Church have the opportunity and privilege to honor and serve Christ, it seems to me that we can discuss this subject more effectively if we restate it in these words:

The responsibility of the Church to inspire, recruit, train and equip its membership for greater service.

Someone has said that a church which is not a missionary-minded church soon becomes a missing church. If this be true, then a church which is not placing a goodly number of its members in fields of Christian service is restricting the power of its members to minor services, and is, therefore, not carrying out its Christ-given mission. His life was a life of courageous, loving and continuous helpfulness to the needs of an ailing and confused humanity. This example of the Founder of the Church is not much in evidence in that church which has placed only a few of its members in the Christ-appointed fields of service, and supports half-heartedly the Christian agencies which are at work in those fields.

Is this perhaps the reason why so many churches, as they "pass by on the other side," exert no Christian "leavening" influence in their com-

Guest Contributions

munities? Can we expect a church to merit Christ's blessings if it concentrates its activities within its four walls and employs the resources of its membership largely in that restricted field of service? Is it not true that the really worth-while activities within those four walls deteriorate unless they contribute definitely to the world-wide program of the Church?

It seems to me then that the leaders in the church have a major responsibility to recognize the extent that they and their congregations should participate in the many goals of service which are today begging for Christian workers, men and women, old and young. Jesus taught service and He interpreted that word in deeds of mercy and helpfulness. His interest in the needs of others, and in meeting those needs, must shine forth then in the lives of those who have been placed as His representatives in the churches of this day. They must appreciate the many avenues of service in which the Church can today participate, and look upon each of these avenues as God-given opportunities in which to serve Him.

Such an example, augmented by preaching and teaching the practical application of the principles of Christian living here on earth—in the parish and far beyond its borders—will challenge the men and women of the congregation and develop in the hearts of many the question, "What would you have us do?" Now we have the problem of recruiting, from this inspired group, the various talents and abilities which are required for effective work in the many fields of Christian service. There may be others who need a direct and personalized appeal.

It follows then that a careful study should be made of the talents, the abilities, the personal equipment of each individual in the congregation. With this study there must be coupled a faith in humanity which sees each individual as a potential

servant of the Master. Look what Jesus did to Peter! How Paul developed Timothy! The successes of the early Church! The conversion of the untutored natives of foreign lands into Christian workers, teachers and preachers!

Talents, abilities, personal equipment are found now, as in the past, in varying degrees among all men and women, both young and old. It is the opportunity and responsibility of the leaders in the church to direct these individuals, in faith and in patience, into those avenues or fields in which they are particularly fitted to serve Christ and their fellow men. Here we can take a lesson from the leaders in industry. They are continually observing and studying their workmen, testing their individual talents and abilities, in order that each man will be given the specific job for which he is best fitted.

For the same reason that progressive manufacturing and other business establishments maintain many and varied training programs for their employes, the Church must supply a similar type of training to its selected workers, so that each of them will render the most efficient type of service in the field to which he has been assigned.

We would now restate that which we have thus far written, in this manner: There must be brought to each member—

- (1) A challenge to render a greater service to God, and a recognition that such service is a God-given opportunity. (Inspiration).
- (2) A recognition of his ownership of those talents and abilities which equip him as a worthy servant. (Faith and Stewardship).
- (3) A picture of the field in which he is best qualified to serve. (Avenues of Christian Service).
- (4) A course of training by word and example, through which he will render an increasing measure of service. (Christian Growth).

Before definite plans are made through which the individual church can begin the work of increasing its

participation in the many existing avenues of Christian service, it may be desirable for pastor and council to compile a comparative statement along these lines:

(First) List the avenues of service which are available to—and sorely need—Christian workers. A few examples: Community surveys through which the unchurched can be recorded; evangelistic work among the unchurched; developing an educational program in the church for the new members; establishing Bible classes in shops, stores and offices; writing religious articles for the press and especially for the community newspapers; publicity for the work of the churches in newspapers, radio and through other channels, such as posters in street-cars, outdoor signs, etc.; avenues of service, directed by the Lutheran Inner Mission Society and other social agencies; work among the Jews; developing better relations between the white and the colored races; distribution of Christian tracts, teaching in the Sunday School (trained teachers only); sponsoring Luther League, Boy Scout, Girl Scouts and related activities; church administration; enlisting candidates for the ministry; enlisting candidates for the diaconate; participating in the foreign, home and social mission work of the United Lutheran Church, etc. etc.

(Second) In a parallel column list, opposite each field of service, the number of members who are participating in these fields and the effectiveness of that participation. List also the total amount of financial aid supplied to these fields during the past year.

(Third) A third column could be used for the purpose of listing the particular fields of service which will be given concentrated attention during the next twelve months. Establish the amount of the increased financial aid which will be given to each of these activities. List the men and women who have special talents and abilities for service in these selected fields. Then inspire, challenge, and train that group.

Through the use of such a worksheet, pastors and other leaders will have a picture of those fields of Christian service which have been receiving little if any attention from the church, and also that among the membership there are capable workers who are awaiting the answer of the church to their question, "What would you have us do?"

Today the world is filled with an ailing and confused humanity, searching for a new way of life in which peace and justice shall rule. We of the church believe that only through Christ can humanity find that way. Does it not follow then that the Church must begin to more

fully recognize two very important responsibilities (first) to develop in the hearts of its members this question, "What would you have us do" and (secondly) to provide a definite and soul-satisfying answer to that question?

Boyhood in a Saloon Background

By Amos Alonzo Stagg

This article by the famous football coach is taken from his testimony before the Judiciary Committee of the House before he closed his long term as coach at Chicago U. It appeared in International Student. It is well that we Lutherans do not forget that the problem of alcoholism has not been solved but is still one of our major social dangers. Brotherhoods owe it to their boys to survey conditions in their own communities.—Ed.

My interest in the welfare of young people is the outgrowth of gratitude—gratitude that I escaped the conditions to which so many of my boyhood companions were subjected and by which they were handicapped for life.

My home training in comparative poverty was all that could be desired, but the environment of my playmates and myself was far from helpful. Our rendezvous was close to four saloons; the atmosphere of the neighborhood was charged for exciting episodes. Beer-drunken men were a daily sight; rarely a Saturday night passed when one or more of our neighbors did not go on a debauch. Fights, more or less frequent, furnished the thrills for us youngsters.

Every now and then the young men would chip together and buy one or more kegs of beer, take them out in the big lots near by, and get soused.

The saloons were our substitutes for the movies, the theater, the motor car, the radio, the seashore, reading, and all. In bad luck men drowned their sorrows at the bar. In good luck they celebrated at the bar. When too cold they drank. When too warm, they drank. In high spirits, they let off steam at the saloon. When bored, they bought high spirits from the bartender. If we had no movies, we did not miss them. We got our drama at first hand in the raw from the saloon and the show

was continuous. It must need a lively sense of humor to argue that beer is not intoxicating. Beer was the drink of our street—used in the hope and expectation of getting drunk, and rarely disappointing.

The children of most of the families of our block grew up under the shadow of these recurring debauches, in which they and their mothers ran the chance of a beating. Nobody can paint the effect of those conditions on the growing boys and girls, of whom there were many. The families were kept impoverished. The children were none too well fed, and sometimes lacked warm clothing. The great majority did not have satisfactory schooling. They had to go to work young, not because the father did not have plenty of money but because wages were squandered in drink. The children did not have a fair start in life. As far as I can learn nearly all my early playmates are now dead.

As a young man I promised God to devote my life to young people, becoming a physical director and athletic coach, specializing in football, baseball and track athletics, in two of which sports I achieved a reputation as a student at Yale University.

The Friendly Letter

I come to you unbidden

*But just in the nick of time,
With a message of cheer from a loved one,
Or friend in a distant clime.*

I bring to mothers a message

*That quiets their anxious fears;
Reviving within them courage,
And turning to smiles their tears.*

To wounded or bruised or fallen,

*To the weary and distressed,
There is nothing that brings more comfort*

Than when I in their hands am pressed.

And friendships almost forgotten

*I will build again for you;
For I go where oft you cannot,
Finding old friends tried and true.*

Search where you will for pleasures—

*You may find them without end—
But what would you want that's better*

Than a letter from a friend?

—Anon.

John Foster Dulles

gave a word of warning about words at the Cleveland Study Conference. It was amazing to see how meticulous the conference became at times about the "fittin" word. Learned brothers at times seemed to want to find an excuse for making a motion and there were reasons to fear that the adoption of the findings would never be completed before the set time of adjournment. Said Mr. Dulles "American people have become pleasurably immersed in an intellectual pastime . . . we are doing something more real than playing with words."

I ASK YOU . . .

Dear Editor: Have you noted, in these days of numberless separations resulting from the war's demands, that that old adage "**absence makes the heart grow fonder**" is taking on some new meaning for countless folks?

I just wanted to take this opportunity to point out to you a personal reflection of mine, no doubt shared by many who read these lines, that, as loved ones are being separated day after day and as these separations are being prolonged in time and become wider in distances, **those affections** which were most real before the separations took place are becoming deeper and yet deeper in the hearts of thoughtful people. Certainly there are some exceptions; instances can be pointed out in which these 'absences' have made the hearts grow cold, in which the separations of time and space have brought about gradual decreases in former affections and an abandonment of the older loyalties. The war experience most certainly is forcing many of our basic affections and loyalties to a test! But our own reflections and observations lead us toward encouragement here. The larger portion of those who have been separated, one from another, are growing into profound and fuller appreciation and gratitude for those individuals and those institutions which had been their closest ties.

A young soldier writes from Panama: "I guess I never really knew or realized what a wonderful mother I have, just sort of took her for granted. Now that I have been away from home for a year or more, and have faced opportunities many times

to sacrifice some of my convictions, I am just beginning to be thankful for the love and the Christian guidance into good character which my mother gave to me through my younger years."

From somewhere in India, a fine girl from our parish, a WAC tells us: "More than anything else at this Christmas time, while I carry out the routine duties that are mine way over here on the other side, I shall miss our traditional Christmas Dawn Service. That's one beautiful worship service I never missed, from my childhood on, at our little church on the corner. You may be sure that, on Christmas 'morning, I will be with my family and with all of you, worshipping with you then."

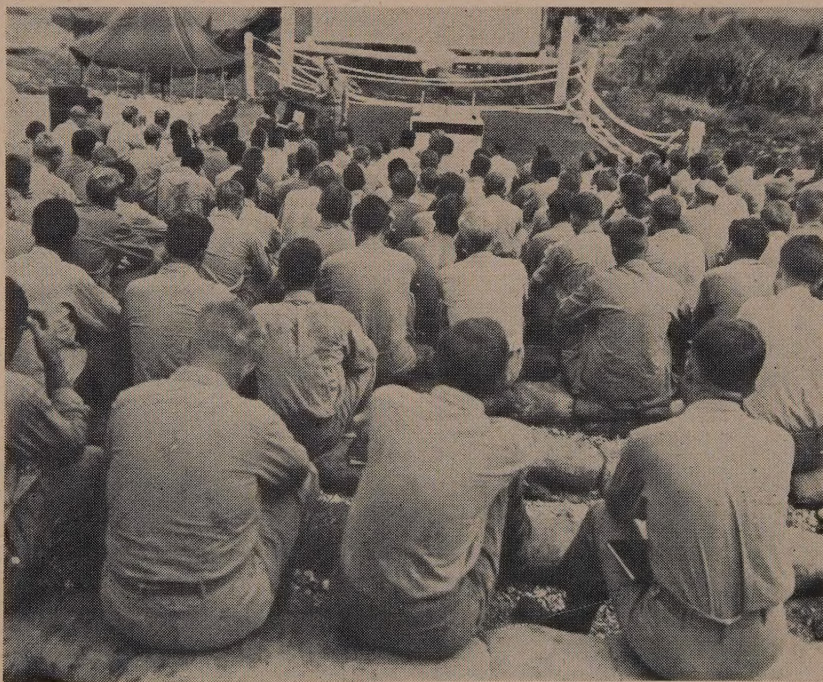
From a foxhole in Belgium: "One thing I am sure of. When this thing is over, and every one of us fellows over here are hoping that we can bring it to an end soon, I will make my way as quickly as I can back again to that girl I love. We have waited a long time for that wedding and that home we have wanted together, but they are still the things I want more than anything else in this old world. Daily we are facing hardship and danger, but yet I am

happy in the thought that maybe before too long we will have a peaceful world and a chance to find that happiness we have hoped for."

A fine letter, with a substantial postal money order for the mortgage fund of the church, came just yesterday from one of our boys who is over in England. He had been on the 'inactive' list in the church for some years before he went into the Service, but in these war months the church has been in regular contact with him and all the others. Our letters and gifts to him have caused this young man to reflect on his previous neglect of the church, have awakened in him a new affection for the church when he returns. "I look forward to a steady attendance at church again. All these things have made me feel so much closer. Thank the Sunday school and the other societies for packages and letters. Sort of keeps that tie with home, and home is one place we all yearn for."

In thoughtful hearts and minds, absence is making those hearts grow fonder in devotion to good homes, loved ones, the church, true friendships and all other relationships that really matter.

Respectfully,
Quid Habeas.



Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo

A Listening Congregation

Chaplain W. Morgan Edwards, with rank of Navy Lieutenant, is having no difficulty with inattention from this congregation of the Second Marine Regiment. These men have been twice cited for outstanding bravery. It is too bad that most men fail to realize the meaning of the Gospel until they have been through fire. Some of us in the home churches are learning the hard way too. Chaplain Edwards was pastor of Luther Memorial Church, Philadelphia, before enlisting.

Letterally Yours

Bible Lexicography X

By Rev. Roger G. Imhoff

PEACE . . .

*it is the end of the perfect man,
comes to those who love His law,
includes all the paths of wisdom,
is the work of righteousness,
its ambassadors shall weep bitterly,
is as a river to those who hearken
after His commandments,
there is none unto the wicked,
how beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of them who pub-
lisheth it,
the flesh of the spoilers shall not
have it,
comes to the spiritually minded,
is authored by God,
of God, it passeth all understand-
ing.*

"Real!"

Rev. S. W. Hahn, Concord, N. C., writes:

"We are getting a real publication for our money. North Carolina men, led by my own Zeb Trexler, are enthusiastically in the cause."

It helps a lot to know real churchmen call LUTHERAN MEN real! Ed.

Another Record!

January 15, 1945.

Lipton, Sask., Canada,

Mr. Earle W. Bader,
62 E. Garrison St.,
Bethlehem, Pa.

Dear Mr. Bader:

In the January issue of LUTHERAN MEN I read the very interesting article, "Freedom in Business." The writer mentions the eight churches in Louisville with a membership of 2625 in 1942 who contributed for benevolence a per capita of \$4.66 "for what is probably the most imposing record of any city in the ULCA."

In the Saskatchewan Conference of the Manitoba Synod we have a parish (Davin-Vibank-Kronau) consisting of only 221 confirmed members who in 1944 raised the amount of \$1027.56 for benevolence, a per capita of \$4.65.

Certainly the article refers to 1943, and this is of 1944. Yet it shows that our church in this great Cana-

dian North-West takes the lead with churches in the United States. I have to mention the fact, however, that the Manitoba Synod as a whole hasn't reached the goal of 100% apportionment, yet, but we are also improving.

Let us pray for the awakening of all our members in the ULCA that we also take our membership so seriously "that we are willing to take Him at His Word and trust to His promises as found in Deut. 28:1-6 and Malachi 3:10."

Cordially yours,
Rev. Heinz Dahle,
Lipton, Sask., Canada.

The future of Saskatchewan Conference is assured with giving like that. Churches must learn, as well as persons, that the more you give, the more you have. Stewardship counts! As noted in our last issue Mr. Rhody wrote an article and in some way the article mentioned above was substituted. Would like to know who did write the article that is quoted above. It remains the mystery of the lost "Freedom in Business" in the editorial sanctum.—Ed.

"Help Wanted — Male!"

January 12, 1945.

Uniontown, Md.

Dear Editor:

"Help Wanted—Male!"

Oh, what a wonderful call to the men of the Church from our president. I am so happy for it. That's the word our men need. I hope the challenge will be accepted by every layman in the ULCA.

Great issues of LUTHERAN MEN — GREAT! It should be in every home.

Sincerely,

Harry B. Fogle,
Past-President Maryland
Synodical Brotherhood.

You are always an encouragement, Harry. Thanks a lot for your letter. With all your friends, I heard of your illness with great regret and it is good to know you are back in the harness again. The Brotherhood has no more enthusiastic supporter.—Ed.

From Texas

Harlingen, Texas,

Dear Pastor Getz:

The Brotherhood of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Harlingen, Texas, took special cognizance of the Topic of the Month for January, 1945, in LUTHERAN MEN, namely, "The Christian Use of Time." It was with this in mind that the Brotherhood voted unanimously to write you highly commending you for this topic.

The Topic of the Month has been used by our Brotherhood since its reorganization in 1937 and these topics are closely studied and commented upon. We have found those that are very poor, those which are good and those which are excellent. Into the latter category this topic for January goes. If this is an example of what we are to expect in 1945 and if the Brotherhoods of the ULCA take it to heart as we have, let me assure you that the praises of Rev. Getz will really be sung at the next Brotherhood convention.

I was at Minneapolis and had the pleasure of meeting you along with many others whose tireless efforts will prove an inspiration to many of us laymen.

I would be happy if you would publish this letter in LUTHERAN MEN.

May God bless you and reward you for your work in the interest of the Brotherhood.

Sincerely,

Conrad E. Broden, M.T.,

Sec. Grace Lutheran Brotherhood.

Secretary Getz writes that honors should be shared with Dr. Hershey who prepared the January topic materials. Letters like this are a great encouragement. Thank you, Brother Broden.—Ed.

Renewals Mean Old Friends!

Mr. Earl W. Bader,
62 E. Garrison St.
Bethlehem, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In reply to file 166, we are pleased to again renew the subscription to LUTHERAN MEN for our boys in the service. Enclosed you will find our check for \$113.00 as requested.

The correct and additional names and addresses are also enclosed as well as a check for \$11.00 from the Brotherhood Anniversary Sunday. Sorry that the amount is not larger.

We thought you might be interested in the annual report of our Brotherhood along with the new elected officers and my report of the year. If it is of interest to other Brotherhoods I would be pleased to see it in the LUTHERAN MEN.

Fraternally yours,
Harvey E. Kahle,
Zion Lutheran Brotherhood,
Niagara Falls, N. Y.

The test of LUTHERAN MEN is renewals. The first year is an experiment, the second a habit!—Et.

A Discovery Shared

January 26, 1945.

Dear Editor:

In the last issue of LUTHERAN MEN you used the closing verse of one of my favorite poems, "Not Understood." I have seen this poem in print a number of times during the past few years, always indicating "author unknown."

Believing that you may be interested in the entire poem, as well as the name of the author, I am happy to inclose a mimeographed copy which I had made some years ago. It runs in my mind that Thomas Bracken, the author, was from Australia but I am not sure of that.

I first discovered this poem about twenty-five years ago and have used it since then hundreds of times. About twenty years ago, I discovered that it had also been set to music, and I have arrangements for male voices, both solo and quartet. The music was written by Albert H. Houghton, and the song published by White-Smith Music Publishing Co. in 1914, the date of copyright. It is an excellent song.

I note that the song, as published, uses the same language as you have quoted; "would" instead of "could," and "that" instead of "if." The first word of the second line, however, is "or" instead of "and" as you have it. I think this is better than the use of "if" and "could" as it first came to me from some forgotten source 25 years ago.

Believing all this may interest you, I am delighted to pass it along to you. I might say that the very use of this poem has, on several occasions, led to fine understanding

among quarrelsome groups whom I have been called upon to address under somewhat difficult circumstances. I remember one occasion, perhaps 22 or 23 years ago when its use brought harmony into a discordant group in a way that I believe resulted directly in the building of a fine YMCA building in a city of some 15,000. "Strange as it may seem." Perhaps that is why I have used it so much.

You are doing a wonderfully fine job with LUTHERAN MEN and it is a distinct pleasure to receive it regularly.

Sincerely yours,
Elmer U. Berdahl.

Not Understood

By Thomas Bracken

Not understood,
We move asunder,
Our paths grow wider as the seasons creep
Along the years, we marvel and we wonder
Why life is life, and then we go to sleep,
Not understood.

Not understood,
We gather false impressions
And hug them closer as the years go by,
Till virtue oft seems to us transgression,
And thus men rise and fall and live and die
Not understood.

Not understood,
We make so much of trifles,
The thoughtless sentence or the fancied slight
Has oft destroyed a friendship years in making,
And on our soul there falls a chilling blight,
Not understood.

Not understood,
How many breasts are aching today,
For words of sympathy. Ah, yes,
How many hearts are breaking,
How many noble spirits pass away
Not understood.

Oh, God, if men could see a little clearer,
Or judge, less harshly when they can not see,
Oh, God, if men could draw a little nearer
To one another, they'd be nearer then to Thee,
And understood.

Does anybody read the poetry in a magazine like LUTHERAN MEN? Somebody said "Print anything. They are just fillers." Mr. Berdahl is the second reader who has helped the editor recently to correct information about verses printed. Our thanks to you, brother, for your encouragement. Also for proving again that poetry is read!—Ed.

Late, But Important!

The fifth annual convention of the Lutheran Brotherhood of the Midwest Synod opened on Wednesday afternoon, October 4, 1944, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbus, Nebr. The opening vesper service was conducted by Rev. Henry T. Monnich. His sermon was based on the convention theme, FORWARD WITH CHRIST. Following the vesper service all delegates and visitors assembled at the city hall for the fellowship banquet. C. J. Bower acted as toastmaster, the welcome was given by Ed. Engel, local president, and was responded to by President Fred Walter. The high light of the evening was the address by Earle W. Bader, executive secretary of the ULCA Brotherhood. A period of entertainment followed the address.

The registration committee reported 45 delegates and 106 visitors. The Thursday morning devotions were conducted by Rev. Werner Welchert. At the business session, roll call showed 12 Brotherhoods represented with 53 delegates and visitors. The president's report gave four new Brotherhoods organized in the past year, and an increase from 165 to 250 members. Greetings were brought from the Nebraska Synod by their president, William Kedde, followed by an address by Earle Bader in which he lauded the fine work being done by the Brotherhoods of the nation. A Brotherhood servicemen's prayer by Rev. Hugo Welchert closed the morning sessions.

The afternoon session was opened with devotions by Rev. Henry Rowoldt. The business session included the reports of committees, presentation of trophy of achievement award, which is held by Emerson, and conclusion of business. The officers elected are Fred Walter, Creston, President; Erwin Engel, Columbus, Vice President; Wm. Stolze, Emerson, Secretary; George Schwank, Columbus, Treasurer, and Ed. Havekost, Scribner, Statistical Secretary, who is also the appointed reporter to the Midwest Lutheran.

William F. Stolze, Sec.

If this item is no longer new it is still evidence of Brotherhood activity. Send such reports direct to the editor—and send them!—Ed.

Major Paul A. Siple, a former Boy Scout, made three trips to the Antarctic with Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

A Rural Brotherhood!

The Brotherhood of the United
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of
North Carolina

January 29th.

Dr. Amos J. Traver, Editor
Lutheran Men
Hamma Divinity School
Springfield, Ohio.

Dear Editor Traver:

I enclose a clipping from this morning's issue of the *Charlotte Observer*, which should be of interest to some of our men in that it suggests what many of our rural Brotherhoods can do to promote the social as well as spiritual life in their communities. This not only suggests something which they might do, but is definite evidence that it can be done. Such a project provides the facilities for wholesome church and community life for both adult and youth groups. Our rural churches need such facilities. Many of our urban churches have them or are providing them. Here's a valid suggestion for many of our Brotherhoods.

Faithfully yours,

Zeb.

LUTHERAN HUT IS DEDICATED

**Emmanuel Congregation at Rockwell
Holds Service—Brotherhood
Project.**

ROCKWELL, Jan. 28.—The organization hut of Emmanuel Lutheran church which has recently been completed, was dedicated at the service this morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. J. L. Morgan, president of the North Carolina Synod, preached the sermon. Rev. Ernest L. Misenheimer is the pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran church.

A project of the Emmanuel Brotherhood, the hut is constructed of cement blocks and it is built in a grove of trees across the road from the church. The size of the building is 30 by 60 feet.

The missionary society has equipped the kitchen with china and silver, cooking utensils, and a stove. Other kitchen equipment includes built-in cabinets and a sink. The recreational room of the hut is furnished with oak chairs and tables. The hut was built and furnished at an approximate cost of \$2,723. All money was raised by free will offering from members and friends of the congregation. Most of the labor for the construction of the hut was furnished by members of the church.

Two committees were appointed by the Brotherhood to carry out the project, a building committee and a finance committee. George Robert Beaver, A. A. Shipton, Roy R. Bost, and Loyal Boger composed the hut building committee. Stanton Earnhardt and James Yost were the finance committee.

Thanks, Zeb! In my first parish in the country we used as a slogan "If it is good enough for the city it is good enough for Gilead!" Gilead Lutheran Church was in Rensselaer County, New York, and claimed just as much right and use for modern equipment as any church of its size anywhere. The new interest in rural work by the Roman Church should awaken us Protestants to our responsibilities. Their churches seek to become social centers, but of course they do not end there. Central schools have closed numberless little red school houses that formerly were social centers. This is added cause for programs like that of Rockwell, N. C.—Ed.

From Maryland

Baltimore,
January 10, 1945.

Dear Editor:

Am enclosing herewith a news article for LUTHERAN MEN which I hope you can find room for sometime in the near future. It may be helpful to some of our men in other synods—and too I think it will spur our own men on to see something in print about their own activities.

I congratulate you again on the fine paper you are giving the men of the Church and assure you that I am doing everything possible to increase subscriptions in the Maryland Synod.

With best wishes for a Happier New Year.

Fraternally,
William E. Zschiesche,
President.

Maryland Lutheran Men's Fellowship Meetings

The Maryland synodical Brotherhood, in accordance with action taken at its annual convention at Gettysburg last June, has been sponsoring "Lutheran Men's Fellowship Meetings" throughout the state during the fall and winter months.

Fittingly, the trail was blazed by the churches of our nation's capitol with an enthusiastic meeting at St. Marks-Incarnation Church on October 9th, under the chairmanship of Brother Austin Cooper. The attendance was very gratifying, with representative groups from practically all of the Washington churches in attendance.

An inspiring address was made by Dr. Raymond C. Sorrick, past-president of the Maryland Synod, and greetings were brought by State President Wm. E. Zschiesche and Martin A. McGrory, the latter representing the executive committee of the Brotherhood of the ULCA.

Refreshments were served at the

close of the meeting with a real hour of Christian social fellowship, when we rubbed elbows with such outstanding men of our Church as Thomas P. Hickman, for instance.

Another meeting somewhat similar was held for the Baltimore area at Second Church on November 15th, under the chairmanship of Brother Robert B. Hall, president of Ascension Brotherhood—with Dr. Wilson P. Ard, pastor of Trinity Church, Hagerstown, as the principal speaker. This meeting was also very enthusiastic with one hundred men present, including eighteen pastors, among them being the president of synod, Dr. Lloyd M. Keller, who spoke to us briefly regarding the "Income Objective" for 1945. We were also honored by having in our midst Dr. Paul A. Weidley, representing the national organization. One of the highlights of this meeting was the bringing of greetings from the Chesapeake-Potomac District of the Brotherhood of the American Lutheran Church, by their president, Mr. J. H. Bergdoll.

Three other such meetings have been held throughout the state thus far, all of which we believe have been helpful to our men and the Church.

At Cumberland the meeting was sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. John's Church, led by Rev. Edward P. Heinze, their pastor—and with Dr. Sorrick as the main speaker of the evening. Seventy-two men from churches in that vicinity were present.

Meetings held at Westminster and Walkersville, in the Carroll County area, were arranged by Prof. Carl L. Schaeffer and Bro. Harry B. Fogle, both members of our executive committee. At these two latter meetings reports were made of the recent convention at Minneapolis, thereby keeping our men informed as to the program of the Brotherhood.

Other meetings at vital points, including one at Frederick, are also being planned for.

Our theme for the year is "Bringing Back the Lapsed Member"—and this is being emphasized at all meetings, with the thought of making our men's organizations stronger in anticipation of the home-coming of our boys from the war; and also to increase our communing membership through the cooperation of our men in their own congregations.

Our greatest ambition is to have every congregation in our fair state to be affiliated with the Brotherhood, so that as the men of our Church striving for world-wide brotherhood, we may all be on common ground through membership in the men's auxiliary of the United Lutheran Church in America.

May our fervent prayer together be that God may hasten the day when we shall again have peace on earth and goodwill among men.

Your letter is music to my editorial ears. President Zschiesche. Once from Maryland always a Marylander.—Ed.

The Executive Secretary's

MONTHLY MESSAGE

MR. EARLE W. BADER, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

First Objective

It was not by a mere coincidence that "**Win The Outside Man**" was selected as the **first** and greatest of our Brotherhood objectives. Looking backward over the past twenty-five years, it can be said without fear of contradiction that our Brotherhood pioneers were spirit-filled men who put first things first.

In these days of scientific discovery and precise knowledge about the laws that govern the universe, it behooves Christians to weigh the relative values of their many church activities. A moment's reflection will convince us that **Personal Evangelism** should be given the number one priority in our daily lives.

The **First Objective** stamps now being issued by the Brotherhood, call upon the members and Christians everywhere—"To Win Others" for Christ and His Church. The stamps bear the inscription—"I Will Make You Fishers of Men."—(Mark 1:17)

In our zeal to win others we are prone to forget the command of Jesus—"Follow Me"—which immediately precedes the passage quoted on the **First Objective** stamps. Small wonder then, that we frequently meet with hostility and failure in our attempts to win others by our personal abilities and persuasiveness.

Not until we cast aside our own self-sufficiency and reliance upon our intellectual powers and stand on the bedrock of faith in Jesus Christ and implicit obedience to the will of God, can we become true evangelists.

We hope the **First Objective** stamps will awaken the members of the Brotherhood to a reality that our self-sufficiency must **decrease** and that Christ must **increase** in our lives. Then with His love filling our souls, He will perform the miracle of making us fishers of men.

The **First Objective** stamps are printed in four colors and come in convenient booklets of fifty stamps at a cost of fifty cents for each booklet. These stamps can be appropriately used on your letters and parcels to service men at any time throughout the year. Pastors will find these stamps carry an added evangelistic message when affixed to

Lenten and Easter congregational mailings.

Anyone wishing to receive the **First Objective** stamps should write to Brotherhood Headquarters, and the stamp booklets will be forwarded immediately.

Congregational Evangelism

The 1944-45 United Lutheran Church promotional appeal—"Be Christian—Search the Scriptures, Live helpfully, Win others" should be familiar to all who attended the Minneapolis Convention or the post-convention church meetings.

The first part of this slogan—"Be Christian—Search the Scriptures"—has been widely publicized within recent months, but, it is during the Lenten and Easter season that we are motivated to greater efforts—"To Win Others." If you read the preceding paragraphs you may be wondering how a successful program of congregational evangelism can be set up in your church.

We have just received from the Board of Social Missions, a bulletin prepared by the gifted director of evangelism, Dr. Oscar W. Carlson, outlining the steps to be followed.

The "**Seven Steps in Successful Evangelism**" are:—

I. Teach the congregation to witness.
Material: "But It Is True," "You Could If You Would."

II. Secure the names and addresses of the unchurched people for whom your congregation has any responsibility.

Material: "Names for the Prospect Roll Card."

III. Bring Christ and the Church to the attention of these prospects.

Material: "We Lutherans," "Moving a Rose Bush," "Thoughts on Returning to Religion," "Knowing God's Word and Becoming a Church Member."

IV. Confront prospects with the opportunity of making a definite decision.

Material: "Reaching for Them" (A manual of instruction for laymen and pastors), "Selecting Lay Evangelists," "Training the Lay Evangelist," "Decision Card" (new edition in folder form; also old style).

V. Teach the prospects the Christian Way of Truth and Life.

Material: "Adult Catechetical Evangelization."

VI. Receive new members as an act of the church in which all members share.

See: Occasional Services Book,

chapter L, "Parish Practice." (Hoh.)
VII. Assimilate all new members by:

- (a) Assigning to them a church friend who will check attendance and make them feel at home in the fellowship;
- (b) Helping each home to begin the family altar;
- (c) Enrolling them in the church school and auxiliaries;
- (d) Enlisting them to win their friends and neighbors.

If you desire additional information regarding any phase of evangelism, please address your inquiry to The Board of Social Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America, 231 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

Organizing a Church Scout Troop

The Boy Scouts of America maintain that no boy can grow into the best kind of citizenship without recognizing his obligation to God. From the very inception of Scouting in America, the majority of its troops have been sponsored by the churches and institutions affiliated with the churches.

The officials of the Boy Scouts of America regard the church as the best home for a boy scout troop for many definite reasons. A few of these are:

1. The church can mobilize men of good moral character and with religious principles as leaders of the troop.
2. The church has the confidence of parents.
3. Because of the troop leaders' loyalty to their church, church troops have longer life and a more constant leadership.
4. The religious education of its own scouts is the responsibility of the church, which no church will pass on to an outsider. The Lutheran Church will teach its boys Whom to believe and what to believe.
5. The church has a life-span program, from the cradle to the grave. The boy's scouting experience should be so integrated with the total church program that he will naturally become a loyal participating member of the church and active in all phases of its program.
6. A greater reason for relating scout troops to the churches is found in the basic need of our country for God-fearing men to carry on its finest traditions and preserve its best institutions.

It is of the outmost importance that the scout troop be sponsored by a

responsible church group, preferably the Brotherhood or other organization of Lutheran men. Space will not permit a detailed explanation of the procedure to be followed in organizing a church scout troop. Briefly, the eight steps are:

First Step: The pastor or some one in the congregation who is interested in having a troop related to the church discusses scouting with the members of the church and gets a small group together to help promote the idea.

Second step: A "get acquainted with scouting" conference is held. The local council will gladly send a representative to explain the scout program and help organize a troop committee of which the pastor should be a member.

Third Step: The first troop committee meeting is held. Some one from the local council discusses the plan of operation of the troop, the qualifications and duties of the scoutmaster and all matters connected with the policies of a church-related troop.

Fourth Step: The troop committee recruits and trains the scoutmaster and assistants. The scoutmaster is a member of the church. The local council will help train him for his responsibilities.

Fifth Step: A meeting is arranged between the scoutmaster and the troop committee. The troop leaders should have a certain minimum amount of literature such as a Handbook for Boys, a Handbook for Scoutmasters, Troop Committee Pamphlet, a Handbook for Patrol Leaders and a copy of the Manual, "Scouting in the Lutheran Church." At this meeting the program, policies and administration of the troop can be set up. The scoutmaster can report on plans for the troop program.

Sixth Step: The first meeting of the troop is held. Boys are called together, temporary patrols are organized under the scoutmaster. Maybe the first hike is planned. In the meantime, the scoutmaster is getting training either from a local council training course, or from the district organization and extension committee, or a commissioner, or someone else. The boys are meeting and are preparing for the tenderfoot requirements.

Seventh Step: The charter application duly filled out and signed by the troop committee and scoutmaster is filed at the local council office of the Boy Scouts of America. The troop is



Pastors Some Day?

Read the letter of Mr. Edward F. Group on this page telling how our wide-awake Syracuse, N. Y. laymen are attacking the problem of a shortage of pastors.

Central Conference Brotherhood

Dear Editor:

On November 25, 1944, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Syracuse, N. Y., the Lutheran laymen of the Syracuse district, representing the churches in Syracuse, Liverpool, and Oswego, entertained thirty-five boys, from twelve to sixteen years of age, for the purpose of interesting them in the ministry as a career. This was a dinner meeting at which the boys and their fathers were invited as guests of the laymen's executive committee.

The principle speaker was Rev. Dr. John A. Kirsch, associate secretary of the Board of American Missions. His topic was "Ought I to Study for the Ministry?" He listed the following five points as essentials:

1—Do I have a good voice—pleasing quality?

meeting regularly and the boys are also meeting by patrols. The scoutmaster is taking training.

Eighth Step: A public induction and tenderfoot investiture ceremony is held, preferably in the presence of the congregation.

Since the work of the Boy Scouts is one of the most important activities carried on by the Brotherhood, future issues of LUTHERAN MEN will describe the duties of "The Troop Committee, The Scoutmaster, Troop Policies, The Pastor's Relation to the Troop, Lutheran Investiture Ceremony, Troop Finances, Planning Troop Programs, etc."

Meanwhile, we invite you to write to The Boy Scout Committee, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa. for literature and suggestions to organize a successful Scout troop in your congregation.

Did You Get Yours?

The past month has been a busy one at Brotherhood headquarters. Each mail brings us new and renewal subscriptions to LUTHERAN MEN, and the 1945 membership dues are coming in from our synodical treasurers.

- 2—Do I have a strong body?—it is a man's job
- 3—Do I have good mental capacity—good common sense?
- 4—Does God want me to be a minister?
- 5—I should be one only when I can't help doing it.

An additional speaker was Donald Prigge, theological student at Gettysburg Theological Seminary, whose topic was "Training For Religious Life."

Religious songs and games rounded out the program.

Gustav A. Schneider was chairman of the arrangements and Henry Metz is president of the laymen's organization.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Group,
Chairman of Publicity.

Those Syracuse laymen are really doing a job. Congratulations!—Ed.

Coming back to the query—"Did You Get Yours?" We refer, of course, to the attractive red, white and blue 1945 individual Brotherhood membership cards that we announced last month would be supplied free of charge.

These membership cards will be supplied to each congregational Brotherhood affiliated with the national Brotherhood organization. The plan of distribution calls for mailing of the membership cards as soon as the 1945 ULCA membership dues are received at Brotherhood headquarters.

The quantity of cards for each congregational Brotherhood will be based on the number of active members represented by their 1945 ULCA dues payment.

The name and location of the local church, and the individual member's name should be filled in at their proper place, after which the secretary of the congregational Brotherhood will affix his signature to the membership card.

We believe our members will be proud to carry this attractive card

bearing the official Brotherhood seal as an evidence of their belonging to a congregational men's organization that is loyal to, and in good standing with The Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Be sure to ask your congregational Brotherhood secretary for your 1945 membership card. **Always carry your card.** It is a splendid identification; and immediately stamps you as an active churchman who is worthy of confidence.

Rev. Leonardson Called As Director of Augustana Brotherhood

The Rev. C. Oscar Leonardson, pastor of the Elm Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill., has accepted the call to become full-time director of the Augustana Synod Brotherhood. The call as such was given Pastor Leonardson at the Augustana Brotherhood convention last June. While considering the call to the full-time post, Pastor Leonardson has served as the part-time director. The new director will take over his full-time duties on April first.

The ULCA Brotherhood extends fraternal greetings and sincere good wishes to Pastor Leonardson as he enters upon this larger field of service.

Mr. David Lawrence

of the *United States News* caught the attention of *Lutheran Herald* (Norwegian Lutheran Church) recently with an editorial emphasizing the importance of individual evangelization. It is timely reading for Lent. We can not take space for reproducing the entire editorial of *Lutheran Herald*, excepting to approve its conclusion that Mr. Lawrence places emphasis where it belongs. Certainly the future of any world organization depends on the good will of the peoples of the world. Quoting *Lutheran Herald* (January 23, 1945):

Mr. Lawrence closes his editorial with a brief discussion of the trusteeship of human life which would do credit to any textbook on Christian stewardship. He holds that all—high and low—are "responsible as the trustees of a human life bestowed upon us by God. We are accountable to Him from the beginning to the end. We can never escape individual responsibility." And note these statements well: "Nobody of science has been able to reproduce life or to defeat death. If we are willing to concede the miracle of birth and the miracle of death, why is it not logical to concede the power of God over us in the intervening days and nights of our years?"

Thus Mr. Lawrence builds his platform for a peace that shall endure.

The individual must be regenerated; between regenerated (that is, Christian) individuals there supposedly will not be friction (that is, "war"). So what Mr. Lawrence calls "our dutiful mission" begins in the home. It moves on to our neighborhood, to our place of work. Understanding "the true will of God," the regenerated individuals will tolerate no compromise with truth. "We will instead dedicate ourselves to the greatest thing in the world—the influence of human love in business, in the professions, in factories and on farms, and above all in the relations of government to government."

The net result: "And when enough

persons do that, war will come to an end."

This is a funny world,

Its wonders never cease;

All "civilized" people are at war,

All savages are at peace.

—*Christian Herald.*

The prayer of a young bluejacket, overheard on the eve of a big sea battle, went something like this: "O Lord, please distribute the enemy's shots like the pay—mostly among the officers."—*The Link.*



AN OUTSTANDING RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT



The safety and soundness of any Insurance Company can never be determined by its size. It is the ratio between assets and liabilities that really counts.

Lutheran Mutual is justly proud of its sixty-five year record for consistently maintaining a safety margin between assets and liabilities more than sufficient to provide ample protection to all policyholders and this margin continues to grow and expand each year as the number of policyholders and the insurance in force increase.

Steady financial progress each year and a favorable trend of mortality experience enables Lutheran Mutual to maintain a rate of dividends that consistently provides LOW COST life insurance protection for Lutherans.

Lutheran Mutual stands ready to provide sound financial safeguards for yourself and your family, today and tomorrow. Talk your problems over with your local representative. He is a good man to know.

LUTHERAN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. WAVERLY IOWA • Founded 1879	
With NO OBLIGATION of any kind, please send me FREE literature covering the types of life insurance checked.	
☐ ORDINARY LIFE ☐ RETIREMENT INCOME ☐ EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT ☐ SAVINGS REFUND	Name Address City State
A LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY EXCLUSIVELY FOR LUTHERANS	

• Department Editor: REV. EARL S. RUDISILL, Ph.D., D.D.
Associate Secretary of the Parish and Church School Board
1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, 7, Pa.

An Open Forum

What can adult classes do to get better educational buildings and equipment?

As far as equipment for the adult class room is concerned the problem should not be very difficult. Make a formal request to the workers' conference or whatever body is responsible for the purchase of equipment, giving the reasons for the request. If results are not achieved, send a committee to visit the group responsible and present your needs, and explain them. If neither method yields results, if the items are not too expensive, perhaps the class itself could make the purchases, or there may be some items which members of the class may be able to make.

When it comes to buildings the problem is much larger and more difficult. It may call for the expenditure of a good many thousands of dollars. Such plans and financing cannot be whipped up over night.

The first step is to begin creating sentiment for better quarters for your own department and the other departments. Secure pictures of exteriors of desirable educational buildings and post them in conspicuous places around the church or Sunday school room. Floor plans of desirable units (with a room for each class and an assembly room for the worship of each department) ought also to be posted in places where they will be seen by many. Talk to individuals about it. Discuss it in class and bring it before the workers' conference and the parish education cabinet or committee. Ask some capable person to speak to the whole school about such possibilities. Ask the pastor or editor of your church bulletin and any other publications of your congregation. Do not get too much in a hurry; be patient enough to allow sentiment to develop.

When interest has reached the right point, get some tentative sketches drawn. Be sure they are the best possible from the educational viewpoint. Post them for the inspection of everyone. Let them help get

the congregation ready for the raising of funds. Sentiment should be right before any solicitation begins.

When sentiment has come to a favorable point and other conditions are also propitious, place before the congregation the best estimate of cost that can be had, making sure that it is not too low. Give the congregation a chance to think it over. Then get ready to have an every-member visitation and take subscriptions payable over not too long a term, which every group will have to determine for itself.

These suggestions probably do not constitute the ideal procedure, but they at least indicate that planning must begin somewhere and go through stages as the people get ready for the various steps. There cannot be too much publicity and discussion.

What is the most valuable thing men can do as a contribution to the church's educational program?

There are many things that men can do, just as there are numerous things that women, young people, and children can do. For all of them there is one thing more important than anything else, something without which all other things are bound to fail. That one thing is *Be Christian*. The background for all religious education is the faith, character, and service of the teacher or leader. To some one or to a number of persons each one of us is a leader, whether we know it or not, whether we desire it or not. To be a genuine Christian, all wool and a yard wide, is something of mighty proportions and meaning in Christian education. To this fundamental factor may be added many others; and they will be influenced by the primary factor, being Christian.

What committees should an adult class have?

The answer to that question is by no means the same for all classes. The size, activity, quality, and general plans of the class will determine the whole organizational setup. Generally speaking, organization ought to be kept as simple as possible, and committees ought not to be named simply to have a "full com-

plement" of committees. They should be determined upon by the whole group and appointed only when there is really something for each one to do. A committee without a definite task is worth little, and is likely to encourage the drone idea. It is better to have few committees and have them active on worthwhile jobs.

Committees which are most likely to be needed are fellowship, educational, program, or study; service; membership, and, perhaps, devotional. Before any of these committees are named be sure that they will be needed and will have a chance to function. Any other committees or commissions may be appointed to perform specific functions; they should be dismissed with thanks as soon as the task has been completed.

Many people seem to think that the "opening service" (worship period) of the Sunday school is unimportant. They feel that the "schooling" takes place in the class period only. Is there not some education in worship also?

Indeed there is a great deal of education in worship. One of the most difficult and certainly one of the most important phases of education is motivation or inspiration, the process of bringing people to the point of wanting to live and serve as a Christian. It is through the emotional and devotional factor in each of us that we are "moved" to be and to do something of worth. In other words, worship, the expression of love and devotion, the approving expression of ideals in words of praise — these are the elements of life that make us willing and eager to do the will of God and to render needed services of love to mankind.

Seeing what a crucial factor is worship in religious education we ought to give more sober thought and planning to our arrangement for worship in the church school. Too often it is a hastily improvised affair, without a well-ordered beginning or end. A worship committee, frequently shifted, can in a co-operative way plan co-operative worship, and bring a good number of persons into active participation in the leadership.

Christian Stewardship . . .

67 Per Cent — \$2.53?

By Mr. Thomas P. Hickman

Writes the author, "Mrs. Ewing (Dorothy, Arthur Black's daughter with three children and her husband in the Marines) typed this at home for me." How proud Arthur Black would be for that. His consecration was catching!

"So because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of my mouth." Rev. 3:16.

The seven Churches of Asia! What a basis of study for our Churches of today.

We see how precipitous, how dangerous their position and attitude toward the promise of eternal life had become, even to bringing upon themselves the pronouncement, "I will spew thee out of my mouth."

The effect of this attitude and its negative influence can be seen conclusively and forcibly in the sum of our church statistics, especially so in the gap existing between the figures of our confirmed membership and the number reported communing at least once in 12 months. For study and also reference on this very vital phase of the life of our Church we call attention to perhaps the greatest work Dr. Walton H. Greever, the secretary of our ULCA, has produced in all his fine writings and publications — "The Year Book of the United Lutheran Church." This is published annually with helpful references and information and vital statistics of our churches, our synods and the allied activities of associated work. A study of the data these annual reports reveal leads us to consider how like the churches of Revelation, we are today, those churches that brought upon themselves the condemnation — "So because thou art lukewarm . . ." May we refer to "1944 Year Book" compiled from 1942 reports. Page 206 prints "Summary Statistics." Some of our readers may not have the book, therefore we quote and urge also your thoughtful study. Some column headings are "Baptized Mem-

bership" — "Confirmed Membership" — and that tragic column — "Percentage of Confirmed Who Commune." This column prints percentage figures ranging from 47 to 81% and shows an average of the total of 67%. That is, of all those living members of our churches who once stood before the holy altar and gave their vows to Almighty God, 33% of them neglect or refuse the means of grace and forgiveness offered through recognition of the communion table of our Lord. Can it be true that we who are our brothers' keepers will permit one out of every three who once stood among us, to neglect so great salvation? Other columns of this same page reflect this spiritual indifference in contributions to the work of the Kingdom as represented in the organized benevolence of our churches. These are "Unapportioned Benevolence, Communing Membership," "Apportioned Benevolence, Communing Membership." In the first of these per capita columns, that is, per individual, the average is \$1.89 per year. The second (also per capita) is \$2.53, again for a year's period. Think of our churches all over our land, and of the bountiful blessings of our loving Heavenly Father to the people of America. Visualize fifty-two Sundays each year, the regular services, the offerings, the communions, and read the average totals. Can it be this is our individual answer to our spiritual obligations? We know an analysis, where possible, would show numbers of our membership as tithers, even casting in "the widow's mite" and these whose hearts are quickened with love and understanding of "What doth the Lord require of thee" are found not only serving the Lord with their substance, but also spiritually and evangelically, and through such companies of believing Christian men and women, our congregations should work to close this ruinous gap existing between confirmed and communing membership. Let us always hear our Master, "For what shall a man profit, if he shall gain the whole world and forfeit his

life? or what shall a man give in exchange for his life?"

On this page in November, 1944, a most helpful article was printed entitled "Stewardship at Work" by Mr. William H. Stackel, chairman of the finance committee of our executive board. Every church member, every one having any concern about his service to his Lord, should read and observe how Christian business men of the Church devote time and study to Christian service that our great Church may be equal to the obligations its leaders seek to have it carry on. There is in the middle column of the article a brief enumeration of some of the pressing obligations resting upon us as church members, and then this tragic sentence — "It revealed a wide gap between where we are and where we should be. It all added up to an imperative need for greatly increased financial support of all these causes." And after further statement of these burning obligations upon every Christian life, this sentence, "Yes, here in short was our Lord Himself beckoning us on to a keener insight into His own heart of love and to a greater surrender of our lives and fortunes for the advancement of His kingdom."

The matter of our personal stewardship of the substance we enjoy from God the Giver is personal and exclusively our own responsibility. God has given us His word of promise and reward, of warning and judgment, and we can be grateful to Him for both promise and warning and offer a fervent prayer of thanks for His direct and forthwith personal warning, "So because thou art lukewarm. . . .", and so examine our stewardship that we may know we are not cold but filled with a burning passion of the Spirit that shall guide us unto all things for His sake.

United Stewardship issued percentage figures of denominational giving from a study made of 1942 reports, which has been widely quoted—nevertheless is used here for additional emphasis on the quotations made from the Lutheran Year Book. The study indicates, "It would cost us 13% more to be a Congregationalist than a Lutheran, 33% more to be an Evangelical, 42% more to be a Presbyterian, 50% more to belong to the Reformed Group, and 102% more to be a member of the Nazarene Church."

Let our stewardship be a matter of deep concern and prayer to every one of us always—that we fail not.

Lutheran Boy Scouts

ORGANIZATION PROCEDURE

● By MR. H. D. FOSTER, Chairman
(Boy Scout Committee of The Brotherhood of The U.L.C.A.)

President Franklin Clark Fry's call to action in his inaugural message to the Brotherhoods included the following paragraph:

"Help wanted" for the boys.

The Brotherhood asked for our Boy Scout work at the recent convention at Minneapolis. From now on, the Church will be waiting for results. Here is a chance to make one of your oldest objectives to come alive! The time is past for generalities and mere talk. The time has come for action. For that we need scoutmasters, dependable committee men, your support."

The call is clear and in the words of the Boy Scout motto we must "Be Prepared" to carry on the very important assignment of promoting Boy Scouting in the United Lutheran Church in America. This is now our responsibility and privilege as men and men's organizations of the Lutheran Church.

President Fry has emphatically stated that:

"The time is past for generalities and mere talk. The time has come for action."

To be specific, that means taking the necessary steps to encourage the men's organization in every Lutheran parish to sponsor a Boy Scout troop.

Before the ink was dry on the minutes of the Minneapolis convention, the Brotherhood executive committee swung into action by appointing a Boy Scout committee and allocating funds for getting the work started. The committee was later completed by appointment of advisory members by the Parish and Church School Board, the Board of Education and the Luther League. The complete committee is as follows:

Harold D. Foster, P.O. Box 703, Harrisburg, Pa., Chairman

Francis K. Ford, 2247 La Salle Ave., Niagara Falls, New York

Rev. G. E. McCarney, 508 Harry St., Conshohocken, Pa.

Advisory exofficio members:

Judge Lawrence F. Speckman, Pres.,
ULCA Brotherhood

Earle W. Bader, Executive Secretary,
ULCA Brotherhood

Rev. Erwin S. Spees, Parish and
Church School Board, 1228 Spruce
St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Wm. J. Ducker, Luther League
of America, 1228 Spruce St., Phil-
adelphia, Pa.

Alvin H. Schaediger, Board of Edu-
cation, 62 Lincoln Ave., Cliffside
Park, N. J.

The first meeting of the committee was held at Bethlehem, Pa., December 8, 1944. Several members of the Brotherhood executive committee demonstrated their interest by being present and Dr. Ray O. Wyland, director of relationships of the Boy Scouts of America, was present to consult in the formulation of plans and policies. Mr. Wm. G. Fisher, member of the committee on relationships, Boy Scouts of America, was also on hand to lend his aid.

The Brotherhood office, 62 E. Garrison St., Bethlehem, was designated as headquarters for Boy Scout promotional activity in the ULCA and the executive secretary of the Brotherhood, Earle W. Bader, appointed director, charged with the duties incident to carrying the promotional work into effect throughout the synods, conferences, districts and congregations of the ULCA through their respective Brotherhoods and men's organizations.

Literature and manuals already prepared by the Lutheran committee on Scouting of the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods, which has been used so successfully in other synods of the National Lutheran Council, some of which had also been used by the Luther League in the promotion of Scouting in the ULCA, will be available at the Bethlehem office and other promotional material added from time to time.

Following the report of the Boy Scout committee to the administrative committee of the ULCA Broth-

erhood in Philadelphia December 9, 1944, various additional recommendations of the committee were approved namely: To make use of LUTHERAN MEN publication in the promotion of Boy Scouting, by having a page or its equivalent devoted to that purpose; to appoint an editor who will cooperate with the editor of LUTHERAN MEN in preparation of the Boy Scout articles for each monthly edition; to request every synod, conference and district Brotherhood to promptly appoint Boy Scout committees and directors whose duties will be to encourage every Lutheran parish through the men's organizations, Brotherhoods, Bible classes, etc., to sponsor Boy Scout troops in cooperation with the local Boy Scouts of America officials and organizations.

Without waiting therefore for further communications from the Boy Scout committee office in Bethlehem, we trust that the respective synods, conferences, district and congregational Brotherhoods of the ULCA will appoint Boy Scout committees and directors and send the ULCA headquarters the names and addresses.

Furthermore, we urge that the packets of above-mentioned Lutheran Boy Scout literature and manuals be applied for in amounts as needed.

May our responses to President Fry's greeting be recorded in daily good deeds for the boys of our ULCA.

The Lutheran Brotherhood Of South Jersey

Haddon Heights, N. J.,

411 4th Ave.,

January 20, 1945.

Dear Editor:

We had our quarterly meeting a short time ago and I enclose program.

Our attendance was 77 men in spite of a stormy, icy evening, honors going to a group of 23 men from Oaklyn, N. J., and our host church, a group of 22 men. The address of the evening was by Rev. Christian W. Dannenhauer, pastor of Frankfort Baptist Church. Mr. Fred Henzler is president of the district.

Sincerely,

LeRoy H. Schell, Rec.-Sec.

Glad to hear of activity in South Jersey. It would be amazing to see what 77 Lutheran men could do to stir Brotherhood interest in all our many churches in this section. Men who brave a stormy night for Brotherhood are just the kind on whom to count.—Ed.

Topic

of the Month

• **Department Editor: REV. ARTHUR H. GETZ**
Associate Secretary of the Parish and Church School Board
1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, 7, Pa.

Helping Youth To Be Christian

Topic for April, 1945

By Rev. Robert D. Hershey, S.T.D.

AIM: To bring about a better understanding of youth; (1) to recognize their problems and needs; (2) to find ways of adjusting self to young people; (3) to gain a better appreciation of their viewpoints and larger sympathy toward them; (4) to discover ways of being partners with adolescents; and (5) to become acquainted with ways of assisting young people to advance in Christian faith and character.

Worship

Hymn: "Father, Again in Jesus' Name We Meet"

PSH No. 310

Scripture: I John 2:1-29

Free prayer or prayers No. 45 and 46 — PSH p. 30

Hymn: "Saviour, Teach Me, Day by Day" —

PSH No. 146 or CSB No. 568

(NOTE: If arrangements have been made to entertain a boys' or girls' group in accordance with last month's suggestion, the topic should be used primarily as appropriate comment or summary material. A panel discussion in which representatives of the young people and the Brotherhood participate will be more helpful than the simple presentation of the topic.)

The Topic

There are six notes in this tune about youth according to the outline, and I suppose I could with propriety follow the line of least resistance and pound them out for you one at a time—until at the end of the evening you'd go home humming it to yourself. Perhaps that's the approach you'd like me to make—but, and I say confessionally, I can't resist the desire to play all six notes for you at once and give you more of the harmony than the tune. The full toned beauty of the orchestra is more to be desired than the squeak of a piccolo player's high C. Accordingly, if you can't fit each of these words I write into the proper section of the outline, don't worry—youth is not jig saw puzzle—it's a song.

So much has been written about youth and our way with them—or

their way with us—that it seems somewhat impertinent to take my fling at the subject. One thing I want to say, however, is that the red line of delinquency which underscores just about all that is being said on the subject of youth, is used with too much frequency and vehemence. With considerable finality these days, we older folk maintain that youth is "going to the dogs," that it is irresponsible, impatient, a bunch of jitterbugging thrill-seekers. Or, with equal adamance we insist that "the kids are OK," they've got what it takes, and that the real delinquents are the parents. It need not be emphasized how easy it is to go "all out" in behalf of one attitude or the other.

If, on the other hand, our convictions about the matter are not strong enough to push us one way or the other, the whole subject becomes vague and meaningless, and if we are asked a pointed question about it we shrug our shoulders, gulp twice, and blame it on the war. "What else can you expect, anyway?"

All that however is to the side this evening and since we know each other better, I want to put down succinctly what it is about youth that I like and want understood.

Hope

In the first place, one of the outstanding characteristics of youth is hope. It is trite to say that as we grow older we become wary of conviction and satisfy ourselves with opinions. We who are older don't like to admit that, but the truth is that to a great extent the center of our gravity turns with the years from hope to faith. I wouldn't like to insist that Paul was thinking of this when he listed in procession the virtues of faith, hope, and love, but it is suggestive to read them in reverse. Love, he says, is the greatest. And he ranks hope before faith. And for good reason.

Hope is that which is "at the bottom of the vase," as someone has put

it, when "every other thing has gone out of it." Robert Collyer muses, "While hope trembles in expectation, faith is quiet in possession. Hope leaps out towards what will be; faith holds on to what is. Hope idealizes; faith realizes. Faith sees; hope foresees." In other words faith is likely to be content with what it has while hope ventures out to annex the wider provinces of the imagination. If faith is the prose of our religious life, hope is its poetry.

This seems tremendously important to me because I see the distinction constantly. The loss of youth is not so much the passing of years as the stealing away of our hopes. We may be justified by faith, but we are saved by hope. There are at least twenty men in the church who have faith in Christ for one man who has the hope that Christ's spirit will become incarnate in the life of the world. Great principles we'll accept, and believe in dozens of them — but each succeeding year we expect less from them.

Nothing is more successful in wet-blanketing the spirit of youth than this caution called wisdom or realistic thinking, which creeps over us as we advance in years. I'm not expecting you to be hilariously care-free and wild-eyed about the chances you have today or tomorrow, but recognize at least that youth can be and frequently is. The most cruel thing in the world is to stifle youth's hopes and dreams.

Freedom

Another element in the strength of youth is freedom. By that I mean immunity from certain responsibilities. It is our inability to recognize, or our unwillingness to admit this fact that produces the common charge, "Youth is irresponsible." Young people, up to a given period, are as never again, free to do big things even to the point of sacrifice for what appears to be lost causes. "My six reasons for taking no risks" said a man in the American Civil War, "are a wife and five children." You smile but it's a smile that belongs to a perception of truth. Wars are fought by youth, not just because they can "take it," but because they have hopes and freedom. By the same token, the pacifists of the day are among our youth because they share the same qualities.

We often hear men lament, and it may be sincerely, that they cannot afford to face the practical issue of their beliefs—social, political, religious, or otherwise. They fall back

from the line of battle saying, "If I had only myself to consider." I'm not concerned with making a judgment on that position; but surely you and I know the force of it. Youth, generally, has less to lose in taking up the challenge which life is always throwing in its lap. It is an age when risks can be afforded. Let youth use its freedom before its years are mortgaged by other demands.

Audacity

There is one other quality of youth which is closely tied up with the other two, and that is audacity. It might be called courage, but it is more than that. It is courage carried to a point of daring—a point we tend to censure scornfully as foolhardiness. It is the merciful blindness which will not see difficulties; it is the glorious recklessness which will not be stopped by them. It is neither blindness nor recklessness; it is a spirit of zeal unclouded and undimmed by trivialities.

The woman who emptied the box of precious ointment on Jesus' feet was criticized sharply by the disciples on the basis of waste, but Jesus saw in the deed an abandon on the side of good, which on the side of evil makes evil so popular. Older folk lift the stopper from the bottle with caution and reason, youth breaks the vessel with an audacious devotion.

When youth is warned not to expect too much from human nature, not to put too much trust in men, not to waste its strength in trying to remove mountains, and not to forget what happened to another who had his wings clipped, it has a perfect right to answer "I acknowledge your facts, such as they are, but they are not facts for me."

(This is the moral temper of youth and even though you and I may have lost it and lost it willingly, let's not forget it.)

Frankly, I'd like to keep on calling to your attention some of the other glorious attributes of youth. Dr. Franklin C. Fry the other evening in speaking of youth made a plea for the recognition of youth's courage, idealism, curiosity, resilience, and adaptability, and surely these qualities belong in large measure to the young people of our families and churches. But suppose we do acknowledge these traits, what is to be our approach to them? Even with this better understanding of young people, how can we work with them? We may recognize their problems and needs; we may better appreciate

their viewpoints and find ways of adjusting ourselves to them, and still we may not be helping them.

Here again, in our practice, we fall into an "either . . . or" situation. Either with complete passivity we fold our hands and assume that everything will turn out all right if we simply calm ourselves with a dose of sympathy—or we jump headlong into what is respectably described as "activism" flailing our arms, prancing on our feet, and doing almost everything just because it is something. Maybe our Brotherhoods have found themselves in just this state. Someone comes along and prints a lurid picture of our responsibility to youth and with the best of intentions we tackle a problem. Boys' clubs, play nights, theater parties, overnight hikes, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, discussion groups, ball clubs, bowling leagues, picnics, roller skating parties, socials, vocational guidance groups, father and son banquets, ushers' associations, and a half hundred other activities are organized, tried out and set as does the sun on the horizon. And we wonder, sometimes, with real cause, why it all seems so futile.

These activities are all good—there actually isn't a critical word that I have to offer about any of them, but I do feel that too often we miss the real point. My mind is just simple enough to see three fundamental weaknesses in our dealing with young people.

We Forget

We fail to remember how it used to be with us when young. Don't you recall, for example, that at the age of ten and under you didn't care a hoot about **quiet**. You screamed and yelled just as much as "kids" do today. Rest, peace, and quiet are no treat to youngsters. But we forget.

Did any boy or girl in his teens ever at any time want to put anything back where it belongs? **Order** is something you want now — but didn't then.

Does mother forget all the wild fancies and wayward impulses of her girlhood? She wasn't always so sensible and sober as she is now.

Doth father forget that once he wanted to be a pirate or a cowboy? He wasn't always so staid and dignified as he is now.

We may be as concerned about our children as the fussy old maid about her "chances"—and we may give lectures and even spankings if we will—but our great trouble is that we forget we once were young.

We Can't Find Time

If you're like most people you have your problem with time — and how to get it. With your work in the office and at the plant, your night at the hospital or civilian defense, your special evening at the lodge and the everlasting amount of necessary "puttering" about the house—well, there isn't enough time left even to get through the daily paper. But the point is you'll never **find** time; it must be **used**. There are a given number of hours in a day, and no extras — so it's up to us how we choose to spend them. And I've noticed that a fellow usually has time for that which he has in his heart. Time is not an argument; it's an excuse. **Remember you were young—and set aside some time for youth.**

The Church

Remember, too, that in helping youth to be Christian, the church is indispensable. That does not mean that every youthful activity has to be justified by an appeal to Scripture nor does it mean that a devotional service has to be invocation and benediction to all their work. Petty piety is far from desirable among frank, earnest, and sincere young people. There is a need, however, to develop in the minds and hearts of old and young alike, a deeper appreciation of the interest of the church in all of life. Too often has an inadequate conception of the church prevailed. Either it has been a matter of a formal service of worship on Sunday morning or the stone and mortar figure of a moral disciplinarian. Even to suppose or suggest that young people might be happy and find some amusement in their parish relationships was, and still is to some extent, tantamount to diluting the spirituality of the church. In one church I know, Saturday evening has been set aside as a play night for all young people of the parish. It has been most successful, not because any thought of controlling juvenile delinquency was entertained, but because it has witnessed to the fact that the church is concerned with all of life. When we say "the church cares" we've got to mean it in the widest sense. If we do we'll be helping youth to be Christian in the most effective way.

Questions for Discussion

(To the Brotherhood has been committed the responsibility of sponsoring and promoting the Boy Scouting program in the church. As a means of avoiding the dissipation of energy and talent, why not consider this task as your Brotherhood's primary youth endeavor? These questions can be discussed with this challenge in mind.)

1. What part does the church have to play in the development of Christian youth?
2. Has your church what might be called a "program designed for youth"?
3. Is your Brotherhood in its youth work spreading its interest too thin or is it concentrating on one significant project?
4. What do the young people in your parish need more than anything else?
5. What are the resources of your church and Brotherhood in relation to that need?
6. How can you make a meeting such as this more than just another meeting?

Assignment of Topic for the May Meeting

The topic for May—"Facing Marital Failures" has as its chief aim the strengthening of Christian home life. If it be possible to have a judge from the domestic court or a well-informed social worker speak from a Christian point of view, by all means seize the opportunity. Be on your guard, however, for the many self-appointed analysts of this popular problem. The emphasis should, of course, be on the Christian approach.

Closing Worship

Closing Worship

Hymn: "O Christians! Leagued Together"—

PSH No. 294 or CSB No. 578

(Luther League Hymn)

Prayer and Benediction

The Brotherhood And Youth

By Mr. Francis K. Ford

Mr. Ford is a valued and popular member of our executive committee and has served as Scout executive in his home community, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

The youth of today will constitute the church of tomorrow, therefore it very important that we give serious consideration to the development of the church life of our youth.

Over one half of the children in America today receive no religious instruction. How many children do you know in your community or neighborhood who are not receiving any religious instruction?

The first objective of the Brotherhood is "Win the unsaved for Christ." The fourth is "To hold boys in the church," and the fifth is "To practice and promote Christian citizenship." In fact every objective lends itself indirectly to the subject of our topic for the month—"Helping Youth to be Christian."

If the church is to exist in the future, the young people of today must not be brought into the church, but must grow up in it. Not only before and up to confirmation, but thru the adolescent period and on into young

manhood. Here is where an active Brotherhood can be of real service.

Let us give some thought and consideration to a few ways in which the Brotherhood, as an organized group of men, can help youth grow into real Christians. Select or appoint a committee to study the needs of your church and community as it relates itself to the youth problems in your particular church. Be sure your pastor sits in with this committee as an advisor. When your committee is ready to recommend action for, and on the part of your Brotherhood, with the approval of your pastor, see to it that the recommendations approved are carried out.

The following suggestions could be used as a check list and you can probably add other items and plans to it.

A. Organize a Sunday school class for boys in cooperation with the Sunday school. Visit their families and urge the boys to attend Sunday school. Provide the leadership for this very important part of the program of education for the youth of our church.

B. Sponsor and provide leadership for one or all of the several units in scouting. A cub pack, a scout troop, or one of the many ramifications of the senior scout program.

C. Encourage attendance at, and leadership of, the religious week day school program.

D. Sponsor and provide advisors for our Luther League groups and programs.

E. Many Inner Mission societies and mission churches need financial help and leaders for their extension programs. Advise with your local group or sponsor one abroad.

F. Perhaps your parish needs a program for the youth to give expression to their musical talent—A junior choir, Sunday school or church orchestra. Co-operate with the proper agency of the congregation.

G. Develop a father and son program which might include a father and son day in church and Sunday school, a hike with dad, perhaps a picnic. Let's not forget the father and son dinner. These all help to develop a closer feeling of companionship between father and son, and especially under the leadership and guidance of the church.

H. Athletic activities also provide an excellent opportunity to develop some of the finer things of life—fair play, team work, and clean living.

I. You may have or need a boys' club in your community. Help organize or provide the leadership for one

or more of its various activities. Christian men of character, willing to sacrifice time to help boys develop character and train for citizenship are needed.

Add your suggestions or needs as you find them in your church or community. St. Matthew, 5:16—"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

The church that wins the boys is building the future on solid rock. The future success or failure of our Brotherhood depends on the youth of our church. The men of our church are beginning to sense the meaning of Theodore Roosevelt's words when he said, "If you are going to do anything for the average man you have to begin before he is a man. The chance of success lies with working with the boy, not the man."

At the Minneapolis convention of the ULCA the Brotherhood was given the responsibility of promoting and sponsoring the organization and extension of the Boy Scout program in our churches. This is now a definite project of our Brotherhoods. Program material and helps can be secured thru Brotherhood headquarters at Bethlehem, Pa., or at your local Boy Scout headquarters.

Why not begin to plan a program of action for the youth of our church, under the supervision of the church, led by Christian men of character? The best place to secure this leadership is in our Brotherhood or men's groups.

Appoint a committee today to study the needs. Secure the help and advice of your pastor. Co-operate with the other agencies of the congregation. Recommend a workable plan of action to your group for discussion and action, and then work your plan.

Always!

There shall always be the Church
and the World
And the Heart of Man
Shivering and fluttering between
them, choosing and chosen,
Valiant, ignoble, dark, and full of
light,
Swinging between Hell Gate and
Heaven Gate.
And the Gates of Hell shall not pre-
vail.
Darkness now, then
Light."

—T. S. Eliot.

U.L.C.A. Brotherhood Membership Dues

January 1-31, 1945

1945 DUES (Renewal)

Atonement Lutheran Brotherhood, Chicago, Ill.	\$ 5.00
St. John's Lutheran Brotherhood, Stony Ridge, Ohio	10.00
First Lutheran Brotherhood, Philipsburg, Pa.	7.50
Reformation Lutheran Brotherhood, Rochester, N. Y.	7.50
Wittenberg Lutheran Brotherhood, Granite Quarry, N. C.	5.00
Lutheran Chapel Lutheran Brotherhood, East Gastonia, N. C.	5.00
Christ Lutheran Brotherhood, Jeffersonton, Ky.	7.50
St. Paul's Lutheran Brotherhood, Postville, Iowa	7.50
Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood, Convoy, Ohio	5.00
St. Daniel's Lutheran Brotherhood, Robeson, Pa.	5.00
Holy Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood, Northampton, Pa.	5.00

1944 DUES (Renewals)

Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood, Convoy, Ohio	5.00
Stadstone Park Lutheran Brotherhood, Chicago, Ill.	3.00
Amity Lutheran Brotherhood, Lena, Ill.	5.00
St. Peter's Lutheran Brotherhood, Arenzville, Ill.	7.50
Celler Memorial Lutheran Brotherhood, Washington, D. C.	12.50
Messiah English Lutheran Brotherhood, Baltimore, Md.	5.00
St. Matthew's Lutheran Brotherhood, Wilmington, N. C.	5.00

CONTRIBUTIONS January 1-31, 1945

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Rev. Herman Joens, Dakota City, Nebr.	5.00
Arthur M. Butler, Davenport, Iowa	10.00
W. H. Gable, Box Elder, Mont.	5.00
Heiby W. Ungerer, Esq., Rochester, N. Y.	10.00
Rev. F. P. Cauble, Hickory, N. C.	5.00
Norman Nelson, St. Paul, Minn.	5.00
J. S. Hildebrand, Shillington, Pa.	5.00
Dr. D. L. Beamsderfer, Millersville, Pa.	10.00
A. C. Clymer, Philadelphia, Pa.	5.00
D. E. Long, Chambersburg, Pa.	25.00
O. L. Rustad, Portsmouth, Va.	25.00
Aubrey Mauney, Kings Mountain, N. C.	10.00
Dr. T. Benton Peery, Philadelphia, Pa.	2.00
William Stackel, Rochester, N. Y.	10.00
Louis C. Smith, Albany, N. Y.	5.00
Peter P. Hagan, Melrose Park, Pa.	5.00
Rev. A. S. Deibert, Northampton, Pa.	5.00
H. E. Isenhour, Salisbury, N. C.	10.00
W. E. Burkholder, Philipsburg, Pa.	100.00
Merwyn C. Fuss, Taneytown, Md.	10.00
Rev. A. L. Anderson, Springfield, Ohio	1.00
Frederick Henrich, Buffalo, N. Y.	10.00
J. F. Lipe, Landis, N. C.	20.00
E. J. Lee, Council Bluffs, Iowa	5.00
G. S. Christian, Kutztown, Pa.	5.00
Harry A. Fritsch, Allentown, Pa.	10.00
H. E. Geshwilm, Columbus, Ohio	.75
Ed. C. Ross, Randallstown, Md.	1.25
F. H. Richterkesing, Louisville, Ky.	10.00
P. E. Monroe, Hickory, N. C.	5.00
Dr. E. D. Diehl, Kintnersville, Pa.	5.00
First Lutheran Brotherhood, Freeport, Ill.	10.00

26th ANNIVERSARY OFFERING

Grace Lutheran Brotherhood, Lancaster, Pa.	17.68
Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood, Meadville, Pa.	2.50
St. John's Lutheran Brotherhood, New Castle, Pa.	2.50
Messiah Lutheran Brotherhood, Homestead Park, Pa.	5.80
Sharon Lutheran Brotherhood, Gibsonville, N. C.	6.33
Zion Lutheran Brotherhood, Niagara Falls, N. Y.	11.00
Olivet Lutheran Brotherhood, Sylvania, Ohio	4.00
St. John's Lutheran Brotherhood, East Liverpool, Ohio	14.33
Grace Lutheran Brotherhood, Houston, Texas	15.40
Calvary Lutheran Brotherhood, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
St. Peter's Lutheran Brotherhood, Scranton, Pa.	7.50

CHAPLAINS' SUBSCRIPTION FUND

St. Mark's Lutheran Brotherhood, Mooresville, N. C.	5.00
IRON MOUNTAIN LUTHERAN BOYS' SCHOOL RECEIPTS	
Christ Lutheran Brotherhood, West Newton, Pa.	10.00

The Seven Mistakes of Man

1. The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others down.
 2. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected.
 3. Insisting that a thing is impossible because we ourselves cannot accomplish it.
 4. Refusing to set aside trivial preferences, in order that important things may be accomplished
 5. Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.
 6. Neglecting the development and refinement of the mind.
 7. Leaving God out of our plans.
- Epiphany (Baltimore) Herald.

BOOKS

FOR BUILDING FAITH

THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH

BY CHARLES M. JACOBS

Richly rewarding devotional studies on the Apostles' Creed for older young people and church members generally who desire fuller knowledge of the basic certainties of the Christian faith. The personal religious values of The Creed are stressed. **Cloth, 75 cents.**

THE WAY

BY CHARLES M. JACOBS

Here are the facts of religion and Christian truth in simple language and in a charming style. Jesus Christ is shown as the source and center of Christianity and the true glory of the really Christian life is emphasized. **Cloth, \$1.00.**

MARTIN LUTHER

BY ELSIE SINGMASTER

A fascinating account giving the essential facts in the life of the founder of our church. The best work on the subject for the average person—older children, young people, and adults alike. **Cloth, \$1.00.**

ON WINGS OF HEALING

EDITED BY JOHN W. DOBERSTEIN

A book that ministers to the sick and shut-in with hope and courage for their suffering. It is a collection of prayers and readings to meet the needs of people in every sort of affliction. Illustrated. **Cloth, 2.00.**

WHAT MATTERS

BY WALTON HARLOWE GREEVER

The essentials of Christian faith are explained in this little book which is not concerned with pretty phrases and romantic fancies, but with serious, sober consideration of Christian truth. It touches on the revelation of God in the Bible, the meaning of Christ's birth, the "Grace" of God in revelation and redemption. Baptism, Prayer, Holy Communion, and Death. **50 cents; 40 cents in lots of 12 or more.**

PRAYERS

BY LEANDER M. ZIMMERMAN

Brief original prayers—120 of them grouped under 14 general themes. Though each is just a half-minute prayer, they are amply expressive and simple in diction. Spontaneous rather than formal in nature, they keep within the bounds of churchly character and sound the depths of feeling. **35 cents; in lots of 3 copies, postpaid, \$1.00.**

The United Lutheran Publication House

1228 Spruce St.

Philadelphia 7, Pa.

CHICAGO 11

PITTSBURGH 22

COLUMBIA 3

LUTHERAN ... MEN

Official monthly publication of the
Brotherhood of the United Lutheran
Church in America . . .

PRICE . . . \$1.25 per year

U. L. C. A. Brotherhood Headquarters

MR. EARLE W. BADER, Executive Secretary
62 E. Garrison St., Bethlehem, Penna.

Send Subscriptions Here!

EDITOR... of LUTHERAN MEN

REV. AMOS JOHN TRAVER, D.D.
954 Woodlawn Ave., Springfield, Ohio

Send Contributions for
Publication Here!

DIRECTORY...

The Brotherhood of the United Lutheran
Church in America

President.....Mr. Lawrence F. Speckman, Esq.
Urban Building, Louisville, Kentucky

Vice-President.....Mr. Harry A. Fritsch
Allentown, Pa.

Vice-President.....Mr. Zeb B. Trexler
Concord, N. C.

Vice-President.....Mr. Francis K. Ford
Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Secretary.....Mr. Harold D. Foster
P. O. Box 703, Harrisburg, Pa.

Treasurer.....Mr. Ira C. R. Guldin
325 Highland Avenue, Kutztown, Pa.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Term Ending 1946

Mr. William F. Kedde
Omaha, Nebr.

Mr. Martin A. McGrory
Washington, D. C.

Rev. Charles F. Brobst
Telford, Pa.

Term Ending 1948

Mr. J. Milton Deck
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Albert Mayer
Waterloo, Ontario, Can.

Rev. Paul A. Weidley, D.D.
Baltimore, Md.

Term Ending 1950

Mr. Alfred Arneson
Chicago, Ill.

Mr. H. E. Isenhour
Salisbury, N. C.

Rev. G. E. McCarney
Conshohocken, Pa.

THE BOY SCOUT COMMITTEE

Harold D. Foster
P. O. Box 703
Harrisburg, Pa.
Francis K. Ford
2247 LaSalle Ave.
Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Rev. G. E. McCarney
508 Harry St.
Conshohocken, Pa.

Ex Officio:

Lawrence F. Speckman, Esq.
122 S. Fourth St.
202-203 Urban Bldg.
Louisville, Ky.
Earle W. Bader
62 East Garrison St.
Bethlehem, Pa.

Advisory:

Rev. Erwin S. Spees
1228 Spruce St.
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Alvin H. Schaediger
135 Oak St.
Weehawken, N. J.

Rev. William J. Ducker
1228 Spruce St.
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

National Lutheran Scout Director

S. H. Holstad
608 Second Ave., South
Minneapolis 2, Minn.

Address all communications to:

The Boy Scout Committee, Brotherhood Headquarters, 62 East Garrison St., Bethlehem, Pa.

WE STARTED HIS
COLLEGE
EDUCATION

TODAY!



Insure YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE
with an L. B. EDUCATIONAL PLAN

The future . . . the whole bright future you plan for
your child . . . starts NOW. You want to give him or
her every advantage and help within your power. Espe-
cially, you want to insure a college education. With a
Lutheran Brotherhood Educational Plan you can pro-
vide for the expensive advanced schooling you want
your child to have. Look to the future . . . prepare for
it! Start your child's "College Account" now!

LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

Legal Reserve Life Insurance for Lutherans

608 Second Avenue South

Minneapolis 2, Minnesota

For Yourself, Your Pastor, Your Men Friends In and Out of Service

**Increasingly, Lutheran men who count in
the United Lutheran Church in America, read
LUTHERAN MEN.**

***"It is a distinct pleasure to receive it reg-
ularly," writes one business man.***

***"Great issues of Lutheran Men - GREAT!
It should be in every Lutheran home," writes
a banker.***

For Your Convenience

LUTHERAN MEN

62 E. Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Penna.

Enclose \$.....to pay for.....subscriptions as follows:

Name Name

Address Address

City Numeral.....City Numeral.....

Church Membership

Sent by.....

(Name)

(Address)

Now Subscription and Renewals, \$1.25 each. Ten or more to one address, \$1.00 each. Make checks payable to LUTHERAN MEN.